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Applicant(s):	Nehls et al.	)	using the USPTO's EFS-Web, on this date,
		)	August 23, 2006.
Title:	Apparatus and Method for Surface	)	
	Treatment of a Food Product	)	
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the Office action of August 2, 2006, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention drawn to a method of treating an outer surface of a food product. Claims 1-16 are directed to the elected invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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